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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 27

1. WP (PAGE 1) "SOVIETS PLANNED EARLY TO BUY GRAIN" --
"A MYSTERIOUS COMPANY WAS REPORTED CHARTERING SHIPS IN
JULY" BY DAN MORGAN. JULY 3 ISSUE OF JOURNAL OF COMMERCE,
ON BACK PAGE, CARRIED STORY LISTING NAMES OF THREE
SHIPS CHARTERED TO GLENAS, SUPPOSEDLY REGISTERED IN
PANAMA BUT BACKED BY FRENCH PRINCIPALS, AND SAID THIS
"COULD BE THE FORERUNNER OF TONNAGE CONTRACTED FOR THE
MOVEMENT OF RUSSIAN GRAIN FROM CANADA." THE COMMODITY
NEWS SERVICE REPORTED FROM LONDON THE SAME DAY THAT
GLENAS "HAD CLEAR LINKS WITH THE SOVIETS, ACCORDING TO
SHIPPERS." STORIES BLEW COVER FROM APPARENTLY CARE-
FULLY ARRANGED - AND LEGITIMATE - PLOY BY USSR TO GET
OCEAN TRANSPORTATION TO CARRY GRAIN WITHOUT ALERTING
WORLD.

2. SUN (PAGE 5) "SOVIET DISSIDENT SENTENCED," DATELINE
MOSCOW. LEV ROITBURD, ACTIVIST WHO HAS TRIED FOR THREE
YEARS TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL, WAS SENTENCED MONDAY TO TWO
YEARS IN PRISON. ROITBURD WAS ARRESTED JULY 2 AT ODESSA
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AIRPORT AS HE WAITED TO CATCH PLANE TO MOSCOW WHERE

JEWISH ACTIVISTS WERE TO MEET WITH SENATOR JACOB K.
JAVITS AND OTHER SENATORS. ANOTHER VISITING CONGRESSIONAL

DELEGATION RAISED ROITBURD'S CASE WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS WHO REPORTEDLY SAID THEY WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

3. NYT (PAGE 7) "SOVIET ASKS UNITY IN FEUD WITH CHINA", "SAYS COMMUNISTS REMAINING NEUTRAL WILL BE SERVING ANTI-

MARXIST INTERESTS," BY CHRISTOPHER WREN, DATELINE MOSCOW. STORY REPORTS ON EDITORIAL IN KOMMUNIST ASSERTING THAT PROBLEM OF CHINA HAD OUTGROWN BOUNDS OF COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. IMPLIED WARNING OF LATEST MOSCOW ATTACK APPEARS DIRECTED AGAINST COMMUNIST PARTIES LIKE THOSE OF YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA, WHO HAVE TRIED TO REMAIN ALOOF FROM FEUD BETWEEN USSR AND CHINA.

4. NYT (PAGE 17) WALTER SULLIVAN, IN COLUMN ENTITLED "SOVIET CREATES A SCIENCE CENTER IN SIBERIA, WITH ONE UNIT DEVOTED SOLELY TO VOLCANOES" REPORTS THA THE WORLD'S ONLY INSTITUTE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO THE STUDY OF VOLCANOES HAS BEEN CREATED IN SIBERIA.

5. NYT (PAGE 33) EDITORIAL BY MORTON I. SOSLAND, EDITOR OF "MILLING AND BAKING NEWS", ENTITLED "THE RUSSIANS AND MARKET STRENGTH", REPORTS ON REVISION OF AMERICAN FREE MARKET SYSTEM RESULTING FROM USSR GRAIN PRUCHASES. CHANGE HAS TAKEN SIMPLE FORM - DIRECTIVE BY USG TO MAJOR EXPORTING COMPANIES THAT SALES TO ONE SPECIFIC DESTINATION, USSR, MUST BE LIMITED. QUOTES SECRETARY BUTZ' STATEMENT THAT SOVIET UNION'S BUYING POLICIES "DO NOT MESH" WITH AMERICAN OPEN MARKET. STATES THAT MARKET'S STRENGTH AND ADAPTABILITY ARE EVIDENCED BY ITS ACCOMMODATION TO CURRENT GOVERNMENTAL LIMITS ON SOVIET GRAIN BUYING.

6. NYT (PAGE 33) "FOOD AND FOREIGN POLICY", EDITORIAL BY C.L. SULZBERGER, COMPARES AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND FOOD POLICIES OF US, USSR AND CHINA. INGERSOLL

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